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1. SAVAGE STATEMENT TO GM MAY HAVE ITS ORIGINS IN VERY OFF-HAND, UNCERTAIN REPLY MADE BY PRIME MINISTER TO AMBASSADOR'S QUESTION IN JUNE 13 PHONE CONVERSATION. DID GRZ INTEND TO BUY ONLY THOSE TRUCKS IN ZAMBIA, OR ALL TRUCKS COVERED BY CONTRACT? CHONA REPLIED ALONG LINES OF, "MAYBE, WE'LL SEE, IT'S POSSIBLE, IT ALL DEPENDS."

2. IN RELAYING REMARKS OF "VERY HIGH GRZ OFFICIAL" TO WOOD (REFTEL), AMBASSADOR MADE PASSING REFERENCE TO THIS POSSIBILITY BUT WITHOUT GIVING IT SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BECAUSE OF CONTEXT IN WHICH REMARK MADE (NOTE LACK OF MENTION IN REFTEL OR POUCHED MEMCON).

3. FOR TAW TO ATTACH MORE IMPORTANCE TO THIS CHANCE SECOND-HAND REMARK OF UNIDENTIFIED GRZ OFFICIAL WITH EMBASSY LUSAKA THAN TO STRICT NEGOTIATING TERMS OUTLINED BY SOLICITOR GENERAL IN HER INVITATIONAL LETTER TO WOOD AND IN THEIR SUBSEQUENT JUNE 14 MEETING WOULD, WE BELIEVE, BE SERIOUS MISTAKE AND MISREPRESENTATION OF GRZ POSITION AT THIS STAGE. SUGGEST WOOD AND SAVAGE BE ENCOURAGED TO REPRESENT TO US CREDITORS AND SUPPLIERS ZAMBIAN POSITION AND INTENTIONS ONLY AS DIRECTLY CONVEYED TO TAW BY OFFICIAL GRZ NEGOTIATOR. OTHERWISE, THEY MAY
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BE DESSEMINATING MORE OPTIMISM THAN WARRANTED BY

CIRCUMSTANCES.

4. THIS BELIEF CONFIRMED BY AMBASSADOR'S JUNE 18
CONVERSATION WITH SOLICITOR GENERAL WHO SAID HER PRESENT
NEGOTIATING INSTRUCTIONS COVER ONLY THOSE 62 TRACTORS
AND TRAILERS IN LUSAKA. AS REGARDS ENTIRE 330 GM TRUCKS
AND 100 FRUEHAUF TRAILERS, SHE DID NOT RPT NOT KNOW
AND WOULD HAVE TO SEEK FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS. AMBASSADOR
DISCOURAGED HER FROM TAKING THIS INITIATIVE, SAYING
USG DID NOT RPT NOT WISH TO INTERJECT ITSELF IN
PRIVATE NEGOTIATION, ONLY TO CLARIFY STATUS AT THIS TIME.
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